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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12 and 16-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12 and 16-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed 25 July 2005 amends claims 1, 3, 12, and 16. Applicant's amendment has been fully considered and is entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, filed 25 July 2005, with respect to the amendments to the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Maria, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,735.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-9, 12, 16-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Maria, U.S. Patent No. 6,256,735. Referring to claims 1-4, Maria discloses a method for limiting access to network elements wherein a user requests access to a given network element (Col. 2, lines 6-7) by providing identification information and ANI telephone number information (Col. 3, lines 45-53), which meets the limitation of receiving a telephone number signal from a calling source. ANI is a network service that delivers the phone number or billing number of a calling party, and a calling party requires a called party with a corresponding telephone number, which meets the

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limitation of said telephone number signal indicating said at least one destination server. Using the identification information, it is determined, at a key server (Col. 2, lines 7-8), whether the identified user is authorized to access the network element (Col. 3, lines 57-59), which meets the limitation of identifying a directory number corresponding to said calling source in response to receiving said telephone number signal, determining if said calling source has authorization to the secured service provided by said at least one destination server. The key server contains a database (Col. 2, lines 28-29). If the user is permitted to access the element then the authentication key, from the key server/database is included with the request and forwarded to the network element (Col. 2, lines 9-13), which meets the limitation of retrieving an authentication key from a database when said calling source has authorization to said secured service, providing said authentication key to said at least one destination server.

Referring to claims 5-7, Maria discloses a method for limiting access to network elements wherein a user requests access to a given network element (Col. 2, lines 6-7) by providing identification information and ANI telephone number information (Col. 3, lines 45-53). ANI is a network service that delivers the phone number or billing number of a calling party, and a calling party requires a called party with a corresponding telephone number. Using the identification information, it is determined, at a key server (Col. 2, lines 7-8), whether the identified user is authorized to access the network element (Col. 3, lines 57-59). The key server contains a database (Col. 2, lines 28-29). The key server is a network authentication node that has a service control point, and a switch associated with it (Col. 3, lines 9-12), which meet the limitation of providing a trigger to a switch, said trigger indicating an attempt by a calling source to establish a communication link with at least one destination server, operating said switch to provide a

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query to a service control point in response to said trigger, said query including an authorization to establish said communication link between said calling source and said at least one destination server. If the user is permitted to access the element then the authentication key, from the key server/database is included with the request and forwarded to the network element (Col. 2, lines 9-13), which meets the limitation of operating said service control point to retrieve an authentication key from a database in response to said query when a directory number corresponding to said calling source is stored within said database, operating said service control point to provide said authentication key to at least one key server in communication with said at least one destination server, operating said at least one key server to provide said authentication key to said at least one destination server.

Referring to claim 8, Maria discloses that the key can be periodically updated with new key information (Col. 2, lines 65-67), which meets the limitation of operating said service control point to remove said authentication key from said at least one key server.

Referring to claims 9, 20, Maria discloses a method for limiting access to network elements wherein a user requests access to a given network element (Col. 2, lines 6-7) by providing identification information and ANI telephone number information (Col. 3, lines 45-53). ANI is a network service that delivers the phone number or billing number of a calling party, and a calling party requires a called party with a corresponding telephone number. Using the identification information, it is determined, at a key server (Col. 2, lines 7-8), whether the identified user is authorized to access the network element (Col. 3, lines 57-59). The key server contains a database (Col. 2, lines 28-29), which meets the limitation of a database operable to store a set of authorized directory number and an authentication key. The key server is a network

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authentication node that has a service control point, and a switch associated with it (Col. 3, lines 9-12), which meet the limitation of providing a trigger to a switch, said trigger indicating an attempt by a calling source to establish a communication link with at least one destination server, said switch is operable to provide a query to a service control point in response to said trigger, said query including an authorization to establish said communication link between said calling source and said at least one destination server. If the user is permitted to access the element then the authentication key, from the key server/database is included with the request and forwarded to the network element (Col. 2, lines 9-13), which meets the limitation of said service control point to retrieve an authentication key from a database in response to said query when a directory number corresponding to said calling source is stored within said database, operating said service control point to provide said authentication key to at least one key server in communication with said at least one destination server, operating said at least one key server to provide said authentication key to said at least one destination server, said service control point is further operable to provide said authentication key to at least one key server in communication with said at least one destination server.

Referring to claims 12, 16-18, 21, 23, Maria discloses a method for limiting access to network elements wherein a user requests access to a given network element (Col. 2, lines 6-7) by providing identification information and ANI telephone number information (Col. 3, lines 45-53), which meets the limitation of operating a calling source to provide a telephone number signal to a communication network, at least one destination server, a communication network in communication with said calling source and said at least one destination server, said communication network is further operable to establish a communication link between said

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calling source and said at least one destination server in response to said telephone number signal, operating said communications network to establish a communication link between said calling source and said at least one destination server. ANI is a network service that delivers the phone number or billing number of a calling party, and a calling party requires a called party with a corresponding telephone number, which meets the limitation of said telephone number signal indicating said at least one destination server. Using the identification information, it is determined, at a key server (Col. 2, lines 7-8), whether the identified user is authorized to access the network element (Col. 3, lines 57-59), which meets the limitation of at least one key server in communication with said at least one destination server and said communication server, operating said communication network to determine if a directory number corresponding to said calling source in response to receiving said telephone number signal, determining if said calling source is listed within a set of authorized directory numbers stored within said communication network. The key server contains a database (Col. 2, lines 28-29). If the user is permitted to access the element then the authentication key, from the key server/database is included with the request and forwarded to the network element (Col. 2, lines 9-13), which meets the limitation of operating said communication network to provide an authentication key from a database to said at least one key server in communication with said at least one destination server when said directory number is listed within said set of authorized directory numbers, said at least one key server is operable to provide said authentication key to said calling destination, said at least one destination server is operable to provide said authentication key through said communication link to said calling source, operating said at least one key server to provide said authentication key to said at least one destination server.

Referring to claim 22, Maria discloses a method for limiting access to network elements wherein a user requests access to a given network element (Col. 2, lines 6-7) by providing identification information and ANI telephone number information (Col. 3, lines 45-53), which meets the limitation of said communication network includes an advanced intelligent network. Figure 1 shows a client workstation (101).

Referring to claims 19, 24, 25, Maria discloses that the key can be periodically updated with new key information (Col. 2, lines 65-67), which meets the limitation of said communication network is further operable to remove said authentication key from said communication network after providing said authentication key to said at least one key server.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin E. Lanier whose telephone number is 571-272-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-5:00pm, F 7:30am-4pm.

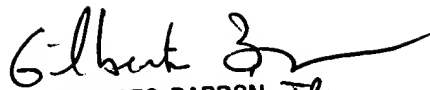
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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